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SUBJ: CSCE: SOVIET HALT IN JAMMING

REF: A. USNATO 4306, B. MOSCOW 11049, C. MOSCOW 10974

1. WE ARE REPEATING REFTELS B AND C TO YOU. WE AGREE WITH MOSCOW'S EXCELLENT ANALYSIS THAT SOVIET DECISION TO CEASE JAMMING OF VOA, BBC, AND DEUTSCHE WELLE HAS PROBABLY BEEN IN THE WORKS FOR SOME TIME AND IS GEARED TO CSCE AND OTHER CURRENT EAST-WEST MATTERS. SOVIETS UNDOUBTEDLY HOPE THAT THIS STEP WILL BE VIEWED AS AN IMPORTANT POLITICAL GESTURE ON THEIR PART WHICH WILL PLACE THEM IN LESS DEFENSIVE POSITION ON BASKET III ISSUES AT THE CONFERENCE. BY TAKING THIS STEP UNILATERALLY IN ADVANCE RATHER THAN IN RESPONSE TO WESTERN PRESSURE AT THE CONFERENCE, THE SOVIETS ALSO PRESERVE THEIR POSITION THAT JAMMING CONSTITUTES A DOMESTIC MATTER WITHIN THE CONFIDENTIAL

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COMPETENCE OF EACH SOVEREIGN GOVERNMENT TO DECIDE. THEY

THUS KEEP OPEN THEIR OPTIONS FOR THE FUTURE.

2. WE SEE NO REASON WHY WESTERN GOVERNMENTS SHOULD SEEK TO MINIMIZE SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS SOVIET MOVE. IN FACT, WE BELIEVE CSCE PARTICIPANTS SHOULD WELCOME THIS STEP AS FULLY CONSISTENT WITH TASK SET BY MPT RECOMMENDATIONS TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO BROADCAST INFORMATION. IT IS THEREFORE REPRESENTATIVE OF CONCRETE MEASURES WITH IMMEDIATE

PRACTICAL IMPACT THAT SHOULD BE SOUGHT ON OTHER BASKET III ISSUES IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE CSCE GOALS. RUSH

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